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The XM satellite radio services are invaluable to me. My work requires thousands of highway miles each year and until XM was available, I was relegated to poor local programming and chasing syndicated and or national broadcasts all across the dial for continuity while traveling.

The addition of the XM traffic and weather channels have been a great addition to the broadcast lineup. I have realized that the traffic information on the XM radio to be more in depth and accurate than those of the local stations. Rather than being bombarded with advertising that distracts from the traffic situations and consumes the limited time of each report, the XM broadcasts are accurate, to the point and informative.

Limiting or forcing discontinuation of this service on XM Radio is totally unacceptable to me as an American consumer. Just because the local radio stations cannot meet the same standards as XM, that should not be any reason to politically force them from the marketplace.

Continuous improvements in technology benefit all Americans. The ability to procure paid services is privilege afforded each citizen. No organization or special interest groups should be allowed to take that privilege away.

HR 4026 must be defeated to protect the rights of the individual consumer in a free market.